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### First Lady Beshear Invites All to Farmers' Market at Capitol

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Kentucky First Lady Jane Beshear, in partnership with the Kentucky Farmers' Market Association, will again host a farmers market on the Capitol Annex Lawn on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. supporting local farmers, the Kentucky Proud brand and the Commonwealth's rural economy. Limited shuttle services will be offered from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services parking lot to the Farmers' Market from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"I was thrilled at the success of our first Farmer's Market in June, featuring Kentucky Made products from across the state," Beshear said. "I invite everyone to come out and make this event an even greater success, and sample the autumn products vendors have to offer."

This special fall farmers' market will feature vendors selling apples, baked goods of many varieties made with Kentucky produce, jams, jellies and other value-added products, tomatoes, greens, pumpkins, mums, gourds, winter squashes and cider. The Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Agri-tourism Department will also be on hand promoting exciting family-fun events coming up this fall.

A Kentucky Proud lunch will be available for purchase beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Capitol Annex Cafeteria. Items featured include the following: pulled pork or burger and fixings, salad with Kenny's Farmhouse Cheese, veggie lasagna and a local apple dessert.

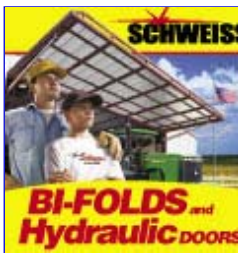
The First Lady encourages all Farmers' Market attendees to participate in a one-mile walk around the Capitol between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The walk starts and ends at the tent on the east side of the Capitol building near the Mansion. Walkers are encouraged to walk the mile any time during the Farmer's Market.

The First Lady hosted the first Farmers' Market on the Capitol Grounds in June where 22 vendors from Franklin County and surrounding areas took part by offering a variety of vegetables, fruits, meats, baked goods, flowers, honey and many other specialty Kentucky products.

Area markets now generate approximately \$7.5 million in revenue for more than 2,000 farmers across the state.



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